THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) Estimates of cost of production of paddy in the main paddy growing States during the year 1989-90 have not been generated. The latest available cost estimates for paddy in some of the paddy growing States are given in Annexure.

(b) Marketing expenditure for transportation of inputs used for raising the crop are included in the cost of production.

(c) The procurement / minimum support price of paddy declared by the Government for 1989-90 and 1990-91 crops are as under:

(Rs. per Quintal)

Crop Year	Variety	Support price
1989-90	Common	185
	fine	195
	Superfine	205
1990-91	Common	205
Fine	fine	215
	Superfine	225

Statement

The latest available cost estimates of Paddy in the main paddy growing States

State	year	Cost of Cultivation (Rs / ha.)		Cost of Production (Rs. / Qtl.)	
		Cash & kind Expenses (Cost A_2)	Total Cost (Cost C_2)	Cash & kind Expenses (Cost A_2)	Total Cost (Cost C_2)
Assam	1986-87	1123.73	2511.57	64.71	144.08
Karnataka	1986-87	2377.23	4551.22	58.26	110.25
Haryana	1987-88	3185.49	5629.62	82.78	146.01
Madhya Pradesh	1986-87	1375.25	2565.83	87.14	162.07
Orissa	1986-87	1808.32	3169.16	76.35	131.85
Punjab	1987-88	4647.82	7947.81	88.25	149.19

Calculation of cost of production of agricultural commodities

623. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the elements included in proforma while calculating the cost of production of agriculture commodities;

(b) whether Government propose to bring some changes therein; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) The major elements included for the calculation of the cost of production of agriculture commodities are human labour, machine labour, animal labour, seeds, fertilisers, manures, insecticide irrigation charges, interest on working capital rental value of own land, rent paid for leased in land, land revenue, cesses and taxes, depreciation on implements and farm buildings, interest on fixed capital etc.

(b) and (c) In January 1990 the Government had set up an Expert Committee for reviewing the methodology of cost of production of crops. The Expert Committee has

submitted its report which is under consideration of the Government.

Assisting to Government of Nepal in constructing Projects

624. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Railways have promised to assist Government of Nepal regarding some projects in Nepal; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The possibility of associating Indian Railways Construction Company Ltd. (IRCON) and Rail India Technical and Economics Services Ltd. (RITES) for constructing a railway line to link Raxaul with Kathmandu was discussed with the Prime Minister of Nepal during his visit to India in June, 1990. An Indian delegation is likely to visit Nepal shortly for the purpose.

Dissolution of Railways Users' Consultative bodies

625. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons to dissolve the Railway Users' consultative bodies on the national, zonal, divisional and the suburban levels; and

(b) by when these Committees are likely to be reconstituted?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) National Railway Users' Consultative Council and Zonal / Divisional Railway Users' consultative Committees had become unwieldy and were dissolved. The Suburban Railway Users' consultative Committees were not dissolved but their term expired on 31.12.1989.

(b) The Suburban Railway Users' Consultative Committees have been reconstituted. The National Council and other Zonal and Divisional committees are in the process of reconstitution.

Conversion of concept of Annawari into Paisawari

626. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to change the concept of Annawari into Paisawari as these are not more Annas in exchange;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA): (a) to (c) Extent of loss of crop is determined by the State Governments. Government of India has no authority to issue instructions to the State Governments in the matter of manner of determining the extent of loss.

Reports received from some of the State Governments indicate that crop loss is being determined through crop cutting experiments or eye estimation. The extent of loss is expressed in percentage. Earlier, in some States, this used to be expressed in terms of annas. In some of the States, like Madhya Pradesh, even now the loss is expressed in terms of paise taking 83 paise as the normal crop.

Compliance by manufacturers regarding printing of maximum retail price

627. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) In what manner Government monitors whether manufacturers comply with the mandatory provision of printing the maximum retail price inclusive of all